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This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 23, 2003, in the above-identified application. This response is believed to be timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested.

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application in the light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. Claims 1-38 are pending for reconsideration.

Withdrawn Rejections

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has withdrawn the previous rejection of claims 2, 5, 14, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, of record in Paper #5, Page 3, Paragraphs 8-10, along with the previous rejection of claims 1, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103, of record in Paper #5, Pages 6 and 7, Paragraph 15.

§ 112 Rejections

The Examiner has repeated the rejection of claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way

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